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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

I object to the Microsoft settlement as it currently stands, as it is overly lenient on Microsoft. As a programmer on Win32, I must deal with Microsoft's poor software -- made unavoidable by its monopoly -- and would directly benefit both as a consumer and as a software professional from a settlement not created by John Ashcroft's wallet. Furthermore, a settlement harsher on Microsoft would be good for taxpayers, given that Microsoft does not pay federal income tax (Tim McDonald, E-Commerce Times, 10/12/00).

Sincerely,  
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